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Since the arrival in Shanghai on 20 May 1948 of General Roshchin, newly-appointed Soviet Ambassador to China, an increasing number of officials from the Shanghai Soviet Consulate, Torgpredstvo, TASS, and the USSR Embassy in Nanking are marked 25X1X for recall to the USSR.

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The USSR Embassy in Nanking recently received an order from Moscow for the immediate preparation for evacuation to the USSR of families of Soviet official persomel. This evacuation will begin during May 1948 with the next trip of the Smolny and will be carried out in the following order: (1) Families of Soviet officials who have children, (2) Soviet women not employed in official representations, and (3) Soviet women employed in official representations but not essential to the work at hand. Orders for the evacuation were accompanied by the following instructions: "In reply to comments about the evacuation from China of dependents of Soviet officials, it should be stated that the children are being sent to the USSR for school, vacations, or medical attention."

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 - The following Soviet official personnel of Torgpredstvo are leaving Shanghai for the USSR during May and June 1948: D. Ya. Shcherbina and family; Kosirev and wife; Seminas; Ers. Arinicheva; Ers. Kovalenkova and children; and ers. Panteleimonova.
 - 4. Nikolai Vasilevich Stolbov, who arrived in Shanghai on 20 April on the Smolny , has been assigned to Torgpredstvo, Shanghai. He replaced Levkin, who left for the USSR on 29 April 1948. Levkin stated before his departure that he is being recalled because he is not a Party member. He claimed that he had waited three years to come out from the USSR, only to be recalled after three months. Stolbov is a Party member.
 - 5. Mikhail Sergeyev, who arrived on 20 April on the Smolny, is the new chief accountant for Torgpredstvo, China. He and the superintendent of the Manking office of Torgpredstvo left Shanghai on 21 April with their wives for Nanking. They were accompanied by Eugen Feodorovich Sharov, employee of the Shanghai Torgpredstvo office.
 - 6. I. Ya. Kovalenko, assigned to Exportkhleb, Hongkong, arrived in Shanghai from

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Hongkong on $28 \, \text{April 1948}$. Kovalenko was supposed to arrive in time to leave on the Smolny, but failed to do so.

- 7. Dimitri Ya. Sheherbina, director of Torgpredstvo, China, arrived in Shanghai on 21 April from a trip to Bangkok.
- 8. Aleksei Andreyevich Panteleimonov, employee of Torgpredstvo, Shanghai, left by CNAC plane for Bangkok via Hongkong on 12 May 1948.

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9. M. I. Frolov, A. T. Alekseyev, and T. M. Garlokov have been transferred to the USSR Military Attache's office in Nanking from Port Arthur, where they had been 25X1A

Comment: For previous information on these three Soviet officials and their variously reported initials, see

of the Far Eastern Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under S. Lozovsky.

Khalin's former living quarters in the Shanghai Soviet Consulate have been turned over to P. Chernonebov, Acting Shanghai Consul General, and some of Khalin's personal belongings which he had left in Shanghai were loaded on the Smolny on 25 April. Some local Soviet citizens believe that Khalin will be replaced by Chernonebov or by Barkov, who arrived in Shanghai on 20 April on the Smolny.

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- 11. Khalin will also go to Manchuria on an important mission. He has asked M. A. Borodin, former Soviet industrialist in Hanchuria and now an active Soviet citizen in Shanghai, to transport with him to Manchuria some of the things he (Khalin) left in Shanghai.
- 12. Tikhomirov, director of the Shanghai branch of the Moscow Narodny Bank, is excremely popular in the Soviet community because of his frankness and friendly response to local Soviet youth groups. Tikhomirov has practically replaced Chernonebov and TASS leaders in dealing with the Soviet community because he appears to be the only Moscow-dispatched leader in Shanghai who is sufficiently interested to act as adviser to the group.

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- 13. E. Roman (Roman Abel; see the provident Shanghai Soviet businessman, gce5X1A to the Soviet Consulate several times a week to confer with V. Kryukov, Attache of the USSR Embassy assigned to the Shanghai Soviet Consulate.
- 14. Recently V. V. Chilikin went to Macao to confer with Communist representatives from South China, Indochina, and Burma regarding the transportation of arms and ammunition. V. Kryukov gave young Chilikin his instructions for this trip.
- 15. K. A. Lobachev arrived in Shanghai recently from Tientsin and went to the offices of the Union Steamship Agency at 51 Canton Road. Lobachev's real name is Pantheliev and he is a major in the Red Army. Originally he belonged to Marshal K. K. Rokossovsky's army, which is concentrating in the southern districts of the Mongolian People's Republic. This army includes mechanized forces.

mander" of troops on the Kuantung Peninsula. It also comments that a 25X1X Rokossovsky has been reported as "supreme commander of the Soviet Far East High Command.") In Tientsin Pantheliev communicated with the Chinese Communist Arry in North China through the North China News Agency. Since his arrival in Shanghai he has attempted to establish contact with Chinese Communist elements in the area.

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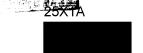
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- 16. On 11 April 1948 the Shanghai Soviet Consulate invited prominent pro-Soviet Slavic leaders to a dinner party and a meeting on the Consulate premises.

 A. A. Arinichev, director of Torgpredstvo, Shanghai, gave a lecture on "United States Aid to China". Among the pro-Soviet leaders attending were the following:
 - M. Zalewski, Polish, 298/11 South Tihwa Road
 - G. M. Rachinsky, Rumanian lawyer, office at 480 East Nanking Road, residence at 1333 Avenue Joffre
 - P. Becic (Betchich), Yugoslav, 10 Packing Road
 - A. Konovetz, Czechoslovak
 - Mr. Malichek (Malkisz) (See paragraph 17.)

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- 17. Halkisz (also reported as Marichel), who replaced Langer as manager of Omnipol, Limited, Shanghai, left Shanghai on 25 April by air for Rangoon and Bombay.

 He and the employees of Omnipol have their salaries sent to them from the company headquarters in Prague. For the past year Omnipol in China has done no noticeable business.

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- 18. Garik (full name unknown), S. Ambaryants, and General YANG participated in the Victory Celebration held by the Soviet Citizens' Club on the night of 8 May. According to Garik, General YANG was a member of the Chinese Mission in Moscow when the German surrender was signed. Since that time General YANG has maintained close contact with Soviet authorities. He donated a large sum of CNC to the Soviet Club during his visit there in May.

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